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Further steps to improve the coordination of efforts against trafficking in persons

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming the letter and the spirit of the resolutions of the General Assembly on trafficking in persons,[1]

Recalling Economic and Social Council resolution 2008/33 of 25 July 2008 on strengthening coordination of the United Nations and other efforts in fighting trafficking in persons and previous Council resolutions on trafficking in persons,[2]

Taking note of the Human Rights Council resolution of 12 June 2009 on trafficking in persons, especially women and children,[3]

Recalling the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime[4] and the Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime,[5] the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography[6] and the Supplementary Convention on the Abolition of Slavery, the Slave Trade, and Institutions and Practices Similar to Slavery,[7]

Recalling also the decisions of the eleventh summit of the African Union Assembly of the Heads of State and Government[8] and of the fifteenth summit of the

[1] See resolutions 55/67, 58/137, 59/166, 61/144, 61/180, 63/156 and 63/194.
[2] See Economic and Social Council resolution 2003/20.
[3] A/HRC/11/3.
[4] United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 2225, No. 39574.
[5] Ibid., vol. 2237, No. 39574.
[6] Ibid., vol. 2171, No. 27531.
[7] Ibid., vol. 266, No. 3822.
[8] See Assembly/AU/Dec.207(XI).

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Heads of State and Government of the Non-Aligned Movement,[9] urging the General Assembly to adopt a United Nations global plan of action against human trafficking, as well as discussions at subregional, regional and global forums[10] on the need to unite and coordinate efforts in combating trafficking in persons at the international level,

Recognizing that new economic pressures are likely to further aggravate the problem of trafficking in persons,

Welcoming the report of the Special Rapporteur on trafficking in persons, especially women and children[11] and the global report on trafficking in persons of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime,

Welcoming also the report of the Secretary-General on improving the coordination of efforts against trafficking in persons[12] and the background paper[13] submitted by the Secretary-General to the General Assembly,

Welcoming further the decision of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime to establish an open-ended working group on trafficking in persons,

Recognizing the important role of United Nations entities, such as the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, the United Nations Children's Fund, the International Labour Organization, the International Organization for Migration and other intergovernmental organizations, in ensuring effective and comprehensive coordination in the global fight against human trafficking,

Mindful of the need to enhance the role of the Special Rapporteur on trafficking in persons, especially women and children, as well as of the Special Rapporteur on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography, in fostering the global partnership to eliminate trafficking in persons,

Taking note of the interactive thematic dialogue of the General Assembly entitled "Taking collective actions to end human trafficking", held on 13 May 2009,

Welcoming the accession in 2008-2009 by a number of Member States[14] to the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the Protocol

[9] NAM2009/FD.Doc.1.

[10] For example, the Regional Ministerial Conference on People Smuggling, Trafficking in Persons and Related Transnational Crime, held in Bali in February 2002; the European Union-Africa Ministerial Conference on migration and development, held on 22 and 23 November 2006 in Tripoli; the Third World Congress against Sexual Exploitation of Children and Adolescents, held from 25 to 28 November 2008 in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil; the international conference on the theme "Human trafficking at the crossroads", held on 3 March 2009 in Manama; and the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe Alliance conference on the prevention of modern slavery, held on 14 and 15 September 2009 in Vienna.

[11] A/64/290.

[12] A/64/130.

[13] www.un.org/ga/president/63/letters/SGbackgroundpaper.pdf.

[14] United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime, as of 29 September 2009: Bahamas (2008), Brunei Darussalam (2008), Indonesia (2009), Iraq (2008), Jordan (2009), Kazakhstan (2008), Liechtenstein (2008), Luxembourg (2008), Mongolia (2008), Qatar (2008), and Syrian Arab Republic (2009); Protocol thereto, as of 29 September 2009: Bahamas (2008), Dominican Republic (2008), Indonesia (2009), Jordan (2009), Kazakhstan (2008), Liechtenstein (2008), Luxembourg (2008), Mongolia (2008), Malaysia (2009), Qatar (2009), Togo (2009) and United Arab Emirates (2009).

to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime,

1. *Urges* Member States that have not yet done so to consider taking measures to ratify or accede to the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime, and to implement fully all aspects of those instruments;

2. *Also urges* Member States that have not yet done so to consider taking measures to ratify or accede to the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography, the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women[15] and the Supplementary Convention on the Abolition of Slavery, the Slave Trade, and Institutions and Practices Similar to Slavery, and to implement fully all aspects of those instruments;

3. *Welcomes* the decision of the President of the sixty-third session of the General Assembly to start consultations by Member States in order to draw up a United Nations global plan of action against human trafficking, and invites the President of the sixty-fourth session of the General Assembly to ensure the continuity of this process;

4. *Invites* all Member States to take part in the consultations on such a global plan of action;

5. *Stresses* the need to ensure the most inclusive nature of the consultations on such a global plan of action by involving in this process, along with Member States, international organizations, civil society, the private sector and the media;

6. *Invites* the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, the United Nations Children's Fund, the International Labour Organization and the International Organization for Migration to provide, within the existing resources, expert and other necessary support to the consultations on such a global plan of action;

7. *Calls upon* the Special Rapporteur on trafficking in persons, especially women and children, as well as the Special Rapporteur on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography to engage actively in the consultations on a global plan of action;

8. *Also calls upon* all Member States to adopt a United Nations global plan of action against human trafficking during the sixty-fourth session of the General Assembly.

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[15] United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1249, No. 20378.